

# BUILDING PRODUCTS

## **Philippines**

#### **MARKET OVERVIEW**

- Public sector infrastructure spending and retail and housing development are driving the Philippine market for building products.
- Public construction is growing due to the implementation of critical infrastructure projects.
- 6 new shopping malls expected to be built every year through 2010.
- 3.75 million new homes are needed between 2005-2010.
- Recent financial reforms are driving demand for private construction, especially in housing.
- Imports of building products are expected to grow 3-5 percent over the next two years.
- The U.S. accounts for about 10-15 percent of the import market. U.S. brands have strong market recognition and a strong reputation for quality.

### **COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Building products with specialized characteristics or for specific applications, especially those not produced in Asian countries fare best in the current Philippine market.
- Philippine companies are currently seeking U.S. suppliers of:
  - Glass fold-up/bi-fold panel doors
  - Special insulating paint to reduce the temperature of pipes in geothermal plants
  - Board type polyisocyanurate insulation that can be installed on top of corrugated roofs.
- Information on major on going and upcoming government projects is available at http://www.neda.gov.ph (National Economic and Development Authority) and http://www.dpwh.gov.ph (Department of Public Works and Highways)

#### TRADE EVENTS

- Philconstruct 2005 (15<sup>th</sup> Philippine International Construction Equipment and Building Materials Exhibition & Technology Forum), November 10-13, 2005, World Trade Center Metro Manila, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City http://www.globallinkph@com
- Worldbex 2006 (The 11<sup>th</sup> Philippine World Building and Construction Exposition), March 2006, World Trade Center Metro Manila, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City http://www.worldbex.com



